

Official Street Map

A municipality may, through special enabling legislation, adopt an official street map which indicates both existing and future street lines. No new construction or reconstruction of structures would be permitted within the designated future street lines. This would, over a period of time, reduce the cost of additional right of way along densely developed thoroughfares which will require widening at some future date.

Future street lines should be established to provide for the ultimate right of way specified in Appendix C.

Zoning

A zoning ordinance can be beneficial to thoroughfare planning in that planned locations of various land uses and planned densities of dwellings can be realized. This provides a degree of stability on which to make future traffic projections and to plan streets and highways.

Other benefits of a good zoning ordinance are: (1) the establishment of standards of development which will aid traffic operations on major thoroughfares, and (2) the minimization of strip commercial development which creates traffic friction and increases the traffic accident potential.

The zoning ordinance should be structured to control strip development along the major traffic-carrying thoroughfares. There are several major streets on the existing system that have experienced a decreased traffic-carrying capacity due to strip development. Necessary efforts should be maintained to retard strip development and thereby protect the traffic-carrying capability of US 321, Norwood Street and NC 18.

Urban Renewal

Urban renewal is the term used to describe the removal of slums and allows for corrections to basic problems in the street system layout and design.

To qualify for community development funds or discretionary funds, a city must first prepare a community development program. Urban areas compete throughout the state on the bases of demographic points which consider such conditions as percent of substandard housing, people per square foot of housing, dwelling age etc.

An effort should be made to ensure that community development and transportation plans are compatible.